

GOOD HUMOR

But Lots of Hustling the Order at Minneapolis.

THE EXCITEMENT AT FEVER HEAT.

While Both Sides Are Firm and Claim a Majority of Votes.

THE POSITION OF OLD BLAINE MEN

Who Are Now Placed in the Attitude of Opposing Their Leader.

The Dark Horse in the Mist--Harrison Forces Appear to Have Recovered the Ground Lost During the Flurry Caused by the Receipt of the News of Blaine's resignation from the Cabinet, and Present a Solid Front--The Plan to Stampede the Convention Finds Less Encouragement than was Hoped, but the Plumed Knight Gaining Strength. Blaine Headquarters at the National Committee Rooms--The Latest News from the Scene--A Lively Sunday.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., June 5.--By all the signs this is the eve of a battle of the giants, instead of a tame convention lacking in interest. It is to make history of the very first moment to the Republican party. It is to be a square fight to the finish between Harrison and Blaine. Nobody else is in it to-day. Neither side is willing to entertain the thought of compromise. Dark horses are taken dark to see.

Cyclones gather suddenly under these atmospheric conditions and the convention may be swept by one. Neither side gives figures in detail, which is altogether wise, for neither is quite sure of all it claims in bulk.

The element of most weakness in the Harrison ranks is confidence, although the leaders are endeavoring to have margin enough to make sure against foreseen breaks.

From the movements of the Blaine men, it is a fair inference that they see a great deal of work ahead of them. They are doing their level best to win back the representatives of the old Blaine constituencies. When these overtures come from old enemies of Blaine's it is peculiarly interesting and impressive to hear them sing the song so new to them.

The men who have so long followed the Plumed Knight, as the great mass of West Virginians have, find no pleasure in opposing him. They would find less in joining a movement they believe to be ill-advised and dangerous; still less in failing to discharge the obligations placed on them by conventions which elected them.

A QUESTION OF DUTY.

The West Virginia delegates are fair representatives of those who come without instructions, but were chosen to support Harrison. I think instructions would hold them no more surely than their sense of duty. They share in the commonly expressed regret that the party has not been spared the rude shock of this unnecessary contest. They know that Mr. Blaine could have had the field to himself.

Developments yesterday and to-day remove all doubt as to the careful planning of the Blaine campaign. Full length lithographs of the great statesman startled and amazed everybody to-day. They were issued from the headquarters of the national committee. Four of them hang side by side on the wall of the public entrance to the committee room. These rooms are considered Blaine headquarters and there is not much disguise about it. The work on the portrait is the best, and was not done in a day. Arriving Blaine delegates are supplied with immense plumes in bunches of three, red white and blue. It now appears that the Blaine movement, as it is seen to-day, was born at least a good month ago. Everything in its interest is system and carefully arranged.

When old Blaine men are urged by old Blaine enemies to return to their old allegiance they shake their heads and say it is too late for them to turn back. They are, moreover, unwilling to accept the leadership of that side. The superstitious among them recall and emphasize the fact that Mr. Quay has never yet backed a winner in a national convention. The best judgment from all I can get here is that it will not be his lot to break his record this time. I have never seen more determination in any convention, big or little, in the twenty years in which I have been attending conventions, nor have I seen so great determination with so little bitterness; both sides are commingling and good natured.

OUR BOYS.

The boys from home are quite in the swim. Most of them went to church this morning. Kronehardt wants it understood that he is all right, but Senator Davis says he will back him against a calliope as a snorer. Johannes Kline says he is having a hat full of fun. West Virginians are coming in and making things look lively at the handsomely decorated headquarters in the Brunswick. The delegation is attracting more attention than ever, because West Virginia is regarded as a state certain to go Republican.

The West Virginia delegation has made the following organization: Chairman, Charles Burdett Hart; secretary, George T. Goshorn; committee on credentials, Charles Burdett Hart; resolutions, John A. Hutchinson; permanent organization, Thomas Davis; rules and order of business, J. D. Hewitt; vice president for West Virginia, W. N. Miller; assistant secretary of convention for West Virginia, C. M. Hart; H. H. Haller, sergeant-at-arms of the West Virginia delegation. J. K. Hall, of the Intelligencer, has been appointed assistant sergeant-at-arms in the convention.

A Sensation Exploited.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 5.--Quite a sensation was created late to-night by a rumor which spread like wild fire

through the hotels that General Alger had retired from the contest in favor of Blaine. The Blaine people did considerable shouting on the strength of this report, and a knowledge that a majority of the Michigan delegation are friendly to Blaine caused general credence to be given to the rumor. A thorough investigation of the rumor, however, proved the falsity of the statement. The Michigan delegation and leading Michigan politicians so far as seen denied the report.

TWO CAUCUSES.

New York Divided on Blaine--Indiana Stands Solid. MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., June 5.--Caucusing, the inevitable accompaniment of a troublous situation anywhere, began here this afternoon. New York led the caucus movement. The delegation from the Empire state, or rather a large part of the membership, got together behind closed doors at the New York headquarters in the West Hotel. The spacious rooms were well filled. J. Sloat Fassett presided. There was a general interchange of views and an approximate census of the delegation was taken. The understanding was that nothing binding upon anyone would result. The result was, according to the best information obtainable,

of battle, was a picturesque sight. The field was the big dining room of the West Hotel, and the meeting was witnessed by hundreds of less distinguished guests, scores of whom for the instant stopped knife, fork or coffee cup in mid air, scarcely breathing, as if half expecting to see young Mr. Blaine draw a revolver on the great ex-supporter of his father.

As a matter of fact Emmons Blaine did not even attempt to draw a pistol, but Mr. Dewey could scarcely have been more embarrassed if such a sensational move had really been made. The famous after dinner orator and reputed ready tongued man in the world for interviewers actually stammered and reddened as he almost awkwardly extended his hand to young Blaine, and caught himself inquiring for the welfare of Blaine, sr. Mr. Platt, Dewey's companion in the New York "Big Four," had been seated at the dining table with Emmons Blaine chatting at perfect ease and seemed to greatly enjoy the discomfort of the usually polished and serene railway magnate. After passing a few hasty and entirely irrelevant common-places, Mr. Dewey excused himself and appeared glad to drop into a vacant chair at some distance further on beside Murat Halstead; and out of sight of the hundreds of curious eyes levelled from all parts of the room.



Convention Hall at Minneapolis.

that forty of New York's seventy-two votes would be cast for Blaine on the first ballot. There were a number of notable absentees from the caucus. Senator Hiscock was one, and Chauncey Dewey only looked in. It was decided to hold another caucus to-morrow. Indiana had a caucus as well as New York. Gen. Lew Wallace said the Indiana men in their gathering decided to stand solidly by Harrison from the opening to the close of the convention, come what may. No other action was taken. He denied having heard of any movement for a general caucus of representatives of all the states.

THE SILENT SOLDIER

Of the Harrison Forces Says the President Will Be Renominated.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., June 5.--The silent soldier of the Harrison forces, ex-Army General Michener, of Indiana, seemed to feel this evening that he had matters sufficiently well in hand to step aside for a moment in the heat of the siege and outline the situation. He said: "The reaction to-day has been distinctly in favor of the President. I could name four men in one state alone, who are claimed for Blaine, that have since the secretary's resignation from the cabinet and in a measure as a result of that action, been brought to the support of General Harrison and have signified their intention to cast their votes for him in the convention. This is only an instance of material changes constituting almost a general movement to-day. The President's friends have not from the start felt themselves in such a strong position as now, or in better condition for aggressive action. Our figures indicate apparently beyond question a first ballot renomination of the President."

The Massachusetts delegation is among the day's arrivals. Ex-Governor Brackett says: "I am a Harrison man and the sentiment of our delegation is now for Harrison. The resignation of Blaine has not helped him, but has served to strengthen Harrison."

INTERESTING GOSSIP

About the Delegates--Dewey and Emmons Blaine Meet.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., June 5.--The trains that arrived during the day were in from two to four sections, and all sections were very heavy. Nearly every section had from one to half a dozen delegates, and they represented all parts of the union.

In the matter of sentiment of state delegations there are many conflicting opinions. The Michigan people are undecided as yet, apparently, as to whether Alger will come before the convention. Some of his intimate friends intimate that in view of the fact that he is a strong Blaine man himself and may not allow his name to come up for consideration, but that is mere conjecture.

It is stated by Col. Atkinson, of Detroit, that as between Harrison, Blaine will have all but four of the delegation. On the other hand, other prominent Michiganders say that Alger will have the support of the delegation first, last and all the time. Col. Atkinson says: "I hope that Alger will be nominated."

As to Ohio, ex-Governor Foraker and other strong Blaine men claim only one-half, or a bare majority of the delegation for Blaine. It is asserted on the other side that Blaine will not have to exceed 10 votes and possibly not more than 13 out of the Ohio delegation.

The Iowa delegation is weakening in its Harrison feeling. Two delegates, who will arrive to-morrow morning are strong Blaine men and four others are ready to turn the two voting for Blaine in last night's meeting; eight delegates are sure for Blaine and probably more.

A prominent New York delegate said to-day that the dark horse feeling was growing in that delegation and the delegates were debating between Sherman and Allison.

DEWEY AND EMMONS BLAINE MEET. The meeting of Chauncey M. Dewey and Emmons Blaine to-day on the field

WASHINGTON TALKING

Over the Resignation of Blaine--Party Workers Leave.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 5.--The political situation, simplified as most people think it has been by the resignation of Secretary Blaine, was a topic of animated discussion in Washington, to-day, and the inference generally drawn from the secretary's action that he will accept the presidential nomination if offered him elicited many expressions of gratitude among his friends. Washington is usually a very quiet place on Sunday, especially during the warm months when so many persons leave the city, if only for the day, but to-day was a marked exception to the rule. Everywhere a person went the first inquiry addressed to him was in reference to the interpretation to be placed on Secretary Blaine's resignation and its probable effect in Minneapolis.

Most of the actual working politicians on the Republican side of the senate and the house have gone to the seat of war to assist in moulding opinion in favor of their respective candidates for presidential honors. Those left behind, however, gossiped over the new phase of the situation to their heart's content, and arrived at conclusions eminently satisfactory to themselves, if not to their interlocutors.

Miller is for Blaine.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., June 5.--Ex-Senator Warner Miller, of New York, at midnight made the following statement declaring for Blaine, the choice of the majority of the New York Republicans: "I have arrived here after six weeks' travel over the country, in which I have not been able to confer with my friends in New York. Since coming here I have consulted with as many of the delegates as I could possibly meet in the short time I have been here. I find a large majority of the delegation are decidedly in favor of Mr. Blaine as representing their constituents. I respect the voice of the Republicans of the state of New York, and I will support Mr. Blaine in the convention. It is said that this gives Mr. Blaine at least forty-six votes from New York in the convention."

At the headquarters of the Maine delegation it was stated that no one had been selected to present Mr. Blaine's name and it was not known whether he would be formally placed in nomination or not.

What Mahone Thinks.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., June 5.--When asked this evening for his view of the situation General Mahone, the distinguished ex-senator from Virginia, said: "It seems to me that Blaine is in it very decidedly; if he is not I don't know who is."

"That does not look very likely, but if there is to be a dark horse I am for Alger, I tell you that. He is my dark horse, if it comes to the selection of a compromise candidate."

The President's Sunday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 5.--President Harrison attended divine services at the Church of the Covenant this morning. The President walked to the church and rode home. He spent the greatest part of the day with Mrs. Harrison, who is still unable to leave her room. During the afternoon he took a stroll through the White House grounds. Among the callers at the White House to-day were Secretaries Elkins and Foster, Attorney General Miller and a number of persons who called to inquire about Mrs. Harrison's health.

They Hold the Fort.

CHICAGO, June 5.--Large crowds of Republicans on their way to the Minneapolis convention congregated in the hotels to-day. The topic of conversation was the Blaine resignation, and while Mr. Blaine's adherents were enthusiastic, the Harrison men held steadily to their faith.

TWO ELEMENTS.

Titusville and Oil City Swept By Fire and Flood.

THE WATERS SUDDENLY RISE

And Sweep Many Buildings Away from Foundations.

HUNDRED AND FIFTY LIVES LOST

And Awful Devastation Throughout the Stricken District.

OIL REFINERIES TAKE FIRE AND

The Burning Oil Sweeps Down on the Unprotected Houses--A Scene of Desolation Hardly Equalled by the Johnstown Disaster--Nearly One Hundred Dead Bodies Recovered and the List Will be Increased. Measures Taken for the Relief of the Sufferers.

PITTSBURGH, June 5.--The oil regions of Pennsylvania were visited to-day by a disaster of fire and water that is only eclipsed in the history of this country by the memorable flood of Johnstown just three years ago.

It is impossible at this hour--midnight--to give anything like and accurate idea of the loss of life and property, as chaos reigns throughout the devastated region and a terrible conflagration still rages in Oil City. It is safe to say that not less than 150 lives have been lost. Nearly 100 bodies have already been recovered and many people are still missing. The number may far exceed 150, but this is regarded as a conservative estimate.

The property loss will reach far into the millions. At Titusville, the loss is estimated at \$1,500,000; Oil City, \$1,500,000; Corry, \$80,000; Meadville, \$150,000, and surrounding country probably a million more.

For nearly a month it has been raining throughout Western and Northern Pennsylvania almost incessantly, and for the past three or four days the down-pour in the devastated regions has been very heavy. The constant rains had converted all the small streams into raging torrents, so that when the cloudburst came this morning the streams were soon beyond their boundaries, and the great body of water came sweeping down Oil creek to Titusville, which is eighteen miles south of its source. The lower portion of the town was soon inundated.

The flood came so quickly that the people had not time to reach a place of safety. The water soon swept a number of oil tanks down the stream and in some way not known they were ignited. In less time than it takes to tell the story, the flames spread to the surrounding buildings and before they could be subdued five blocks had been burned. The oil from the scores of broken tanks ran into the creek and was ignited by floating debris.

In a few minutes the creek was ablaze from shore and as it was carried down the stream death and destruction followed in its wake. Everything inflammable took fire and by the time it reached Oil City all the bridges between the two points were consumed. Oil City is eighteen miles from Titusville. The towns along the creek are Boughton, Miller's Farm, Pioneer, Petroleum Centre, Rynd Farm, Rousseville and McIntockville. Rousseville has about 1,000 inhabitants and the other towns about 200 each. Oil Creek flows through a narrow gorge all the way, and as the towns are mostly situated on the hills, it is hoped that there was no loss of life.

TITUSVILLE CAUGHT

In a Cloudburst Which Devastates a Portion of the City.

TITUSVILLE, PA., June 5.--The city of Titusville has been visited during the past twenty-four hours by one of the most disastrous fires and floods in all the history of the region. Oil Creek has overflowed its banks from the west, and also the water and gas works to the city line below, and for hours assumed the proportions of an almost resistless flood, reaching almost up to the line of Spring street. The city is without fuel, street electric light, the water works and gas are surrounded by water and inundated. The Perry street and Franklin street iron bridges have been swept away. Scores of cheap dwelling houses in the lower part of the city on Mechanic street and vicinity have been destroyed, and scores of lives have been lost, some being burned, but the majority perishing by drowning.

UTTER DESOLATION.

The scene presented by the rushing waters surging through the lower part of the city as witnessed by thousands of citizens was one of utter desolation when morning broke, and hundreds of anxious people looked out of the windows or stood on the roofs of the houses waiting for a helping hand and trembling by their fate. Strong and brave men, by means of boats and ropes, succeeded in reaching and saving those who had a secure position till help arrived, or till the waters began to recede. To add to the horror of the scene, rain fell in torrents and fire broke out in the refineries at different points, and the burning oil sweeping down on the current was communicated to other manufacturing plants and establishments, and the destruction was increased an hundred fold. Among the losses by fire are the International Oil Works, the Hiram Blow Copper Shops, the Rice & Robinson Refinery, the Titusville Radiator Works, the Western New York & Pennsylvania freight offices, Casper Sons' furniture works, store and residence, Clark Cullen's hotel and the Crescent Oil Works of John Schwartz & Co.

The W. N. Y. & P. passenger depot, built of brick, and somewhat elevated in site, escaped with little damage. The freight office of the railroad was burned with contents, including all the books and papers of the freight office and \$10,000 worth of merchandise received for delivery and a large amount of furniture awaiting shipment. A large number of loaded oil cars on its tracks were burned.

The D. A. V. depot was flooded to the depth of four inches and was uninjured. The D. A. V. freight depot, well filled with merchandise which arrived on Saturday night, was burned upon its tracks. A large amount of the loss to the stores, residences and manufacturers will probably be covered by insurance, but in the confusion it is almost impossible to give any detailed estimate.

NO DIVINE SERVICE.

The churches have not opened to-day for divine service. Rev. Mr. Stevenson, of the Presbyterian church, and Dr. Henry Purdon, of the Episcopal church, were out of town, having joined an excursion party at Canadago lake. Many of our leading citizens and their wives and children were in the excursion to the lake, and are still detained there. They can neither reach the city by railroad nor by the turnpike, nor can the citizens reach them, as there are wash-outs on the railroad at Riceville and the bridges on the turnpike have been swept away.

Among the citizens detained at Canadago at this crisis, when their presence is desired, are: Mayor Emerson, C. N. Payne, manager of the national transit; Supt. Stroeter, of the public schools, and all the teachers of the high school; M. E. Luce, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company; Lawyer Byles, of the Galena Works; W. T. Scheide, M. E. C. Hoag, cashier of the Commercial Bank, and a score of others, with their families. The Galena Oil Company, the Titusville Refining Company, and the Oil Creek Refining Company, are intact, or slightly damaged by water. The T. C. Joy Radiator Company, the Cyclops Steel Works and the Acme Extract, had a narrow escape with only slight damage by water. The Queen City Tannery which was in the direct sweep of the flood sustained no other loss except the spoiling of tanning liquor in three hundred vats and will resume full operations immediately.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

A meeting of citizens was held at 12 m. at the city hall and subscribed at once \$4,000 for the immediate relief of the destitute. Joseph Slep and Joseph McKinney headed the list with \$500 each. Miller & Sibley, of Franklin, wired \$500. Quarters have been obtained for the poor and homeless, for food, clothing and lodging, and the benevolent ladies of the city are on hand to render all possible relief at Company K Armory, Music Hall and Masonic Hall, which have been secured for that purpose. Fifteen dead bodies have been recovered and the search continues. The Herald is driven out of its building, machinery and stock under water, but will issue from the American Citizen to-morrow.

THE DEATH LIST.

The following is a list of the dead as far as ascertained:

John Quinn, small carrier and wife and two children.

Jacob Berghammer and wife and nine children.

Mrs. Mary Hanes and three children, daughters Gertrude, Mary and Clara, and one son.

Mrs. Nellie McKenzie.

John McFadden and sisters--Mrs. Campbell and two children.

Mr. Coppin, Fred Reid, butcher, wife and children.

John O'Mara and wife, two Ziegler boys and four more, names unknown.

Mrs. C. P. Casperson's body is just recovered. It is generally believed that most of the works destroyed will be rebuilt at once as soon as the insurance is settled.

Titusville gave \$15,000 to Chicago, \$5,000 to the Johnstown sufferers, \$2,000 to the South at the time of the yellow fever epidemic, \$1,500 to Russian relief and has always responded to all demands upon the public sympathy when oil towns have been in distress.

FLOOD AND FIRE

Visits Oil City--Many Lives Are Lost in the Flames.

OIL CITY, PA., June 5.--Oil City has been visited by the worst fatality in its history. Fire and flood have done their worst, and consequently Oil City to-night is a city of mourning. When the people awoke this morning they found the usually peaceful stream of Oil creek surging, raging torrent.

By 10 o'clock, all the upper part of the town abutting on Seneca street was inundated and houses were surrounded by the water resulting from a cloudburst above Titusville. Relief parties were formed and did noble work in rescuing the poor unfortunates.

The work of rescue was exceedingly difficult on account of the swiftness of the stream. Trains of cars were run on to the upper railroad bridge crossing the creek to hold the bridge steady. This succeeded very well as far as the bridge was concerned. The lower, or "Nypano" was secured in the same manner.

The property of the Oil City barrel works was flooded with water, as also that of the Oil City tube works and the Oil City boiler works, and the damage was immense. Thousands of people lined the banks of the creek, both as rescuers and spectators.

The danger was thought practically over, as far as the loss of life was concerned, as the work of rescuing was going on nobly, and the creek did not exhibit a tendency to rise; however, a worse fatality was in store. The odor of benzine gas became perceptible, a tank containing benzine at some one of the refineries up the creek had sprung a leak, and the benzine was flowing down upon the water. Wise heads, who had seen fires in the oil regions before, sought places of safety and advised others to do so. A great many did not profit by the advice and have paid the price for their rashness by their life.

A TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION.

Suddenly a tremendous explosion occurred, then another, and another, and as if in a flash, Oil creek for three miles was one mass of roaring, surging flame. For one mile down the river where the benzine had run from the creek it also burned fiercely. For a moment everyone was paralyzed.

The houses that were surrounded by the flood were in the midst of the fire beyond human help. All those who were standing close by the creek became victims. The fire finished the work on the buildings that had not been subdued by the flood. The following bodies have been recovered and are in improvised morgues: William Atkin and his two sons, Frank and Edward; Mrs. Briggs and three daughters, John O'Leary and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Hawks and daughter, Frank and William Hassenfritz, Matthew Lyons, wife and two children, Frank Plank, William Shaffer, William Terwiller, James Rogers, James Haskins, William White, John Roach, Daniel Sullivan, Frank Goodrich, Edward Keating, Charles Miller, John Steek, John Rambo, Humphrey Stewart, Wm. Stewart, Harry Holmes, William Malone, William Boher, W. L. Dougherty, Frank Watson, Sheridan Wick, Edward Mills and four children, Mrs. Copeland and baby, Mrs. Levi Fittera.

CORRY SWAMPED.

That City Suffers from the Cloud Burst That Struck Titusville.

CORRY, PA., June 5.--The most destructive rain storm that has ever visited this locality began yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It was like a heavy cloud burst, and by 9 o'clock the business and eastern portions of the town were under water, with the rain still falling in perfect torrents.

The worst was reached at 1 o'clock, when First avenue, Main street, the railroad yards and Centre street were like a roaring river, the water being from one to three feet deep and all emptying into the flats in the eastern portion of the city. There were many people being rescued from their homes in the best way possible. The police force was stationed a greater portion of the time at the Union Depot, where the water had surrounded the building, and was two feet deep and running at a rapid rate. Many in attempting to cross were thrown into the water and carried some distance before they could be rescued by the officers. There was no loss of life and but few injured.

Nearly every basement in the business portion of the city was flooded and also many of the stores. The loss on stock and merchants is very heavy, and it is safe to say that the loss throughout the city will reach \$50,000.

The storm was general throughout this locality, and in the country districts the loss can hardly be estimated. The great stone culvert over the west end of the city was carried away and will be a heavy loss to the Erie company. It is thought by morning that the passenger train service will again be resumed.

They Went Home.

CHICAGO, June 5.--The Associated Press bulletin was the first intimation that the Pennsylvania delegates, who arrived here to-day en route to Minneapolis, had of the terrible disaster at Oil City and Titusville and the devastation caused by the storm in the surrounding country. Mr. P. C. Boyle, proprietor of the Oil City Derrick, Thomas Simpson, George Davis and J. M. Perine have left the delegation here and will return home to-night.

A TOWN WIPE OUT

By Fire--People Homeless and Loss Over a Million Dollars.

DENVER, COL., June 5.--The bustling camp of Jimtown, which is separated from the famous mining town of Creede, by a mile and a half, was almost totally destroyed by fire which started at half past five o'clock this morning. The flames were started by an explosion of coal oil with which a family living in the Kinneyway block were starting a fire to prepare breakfast.

As there was no fire department, the flames had it all their own way and in a short time they burned through the rows of frame buildings for a distance of a mile in the narrow gulch in which the town is situated. Many houses were blown up with giant powder in an attempt to stop the fire, but this had no effect, for the flames leaped from one vacant space to another and only stopped for the want of material. Little if any of the contents were saved and there are hundreds of families homeless, but they will be provided for by the people of Creede. The total loss is estimated at a million dollars.

A CLOUD BURST

Strikes Cumberland--Much Valuable Property Destroyed.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CUMBERLAND, MD., June 5.--This city was visited yesterday afternoon by a cloudburst and a terrific rain storm. Four and seven-tenths inches of rain fell. Some of the streets were transformed into raging torrents, and the cellars of nearly every house in the northern section of the city were flooded. Fences and out-houses were carried away, and in a number of instances lives were saved narrowly.

The foundations of a large number of houses have been undermined and the inhabitants are preparing to move. The water reached a depth of five feet in some of the buildings. Portions of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad track near this city were washed away and a trestle almost entirely demolished. Trains on that road are being run via the West Virginia Central. A number of families have lost their all and are in a condition to receive assistance. Such a storm has not visited this place for years.

Preston County Republicans.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

KINGWOOD, W. VA., June 5.--A special meeting of the Republican county committee was held here yesterday, the object being to discuss and listen to arguments for and against taking the sense of the voters at the coming primary election as to whom Preston would support in the senatorial convention. The committee decided to have district meetings and have delegates appointed to the senatorial convention. Nothing will be done in the matter at the primary election on the 18th. Preston has three aspirants for the honor.

Found Dead in Their Crime.

CHICAGO, June 5.--Rudolph Hacker, cigar manufacturer at 227 Division street, and Mrs. Louise Plum, wife of Jacob H. Plum, who keeps a bakery at 312 West Tenth street, were found dead in bed together, in the woman's house at 114 North Halstead street at noon to-day. The gas was turned on full from the two jets and the circumstances point to double suicide.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

For West Virginia, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, slightly warmer, south winds, generally fair. Weather Monday and Tuesday.

TEMPERATURE SATURDAY.

As furnished by C. Scherzer, druggist, corner Market and Courthouse streets.	
7 a. m.	72
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11 a. m.	82
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